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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

1	SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.
2	This Act may be cited as the "Nursing Education
3	Consolidation and Reauthorization Act of 1994".
4	SEC. 2. PURPOSE.
5	It is the purpose of this Act to restructure the nurse
6	education authorities of title VIII of the Public Health
7	Service Act to permit a comprehensive, flexible, and effec-
8	tive approach to Federal support for nursing workforce
9	development.
10	SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS TO PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT.
11	Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act (42)
12	U.S.C. 296k et seq.) is amended—
13	(1) by striking the title heading and all that fol-
14	lows except for subparts H and HI of part B and
15	section 855; and inserting the following:
16	"TITLE VIII—NURSING
17	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT" ;
18	(2) in subpart H of part B, by striking the sub-
19	part heading and inserting the following:
20	"PART E STUDENT LOANS
21	"Subpart I—General Program";
22	(3) by redesignating subpart III as subpart II
23	(4) by striking section 837;
24	(5) in section 846, by striking subsection (d)
25	and inserting the following new subsection:

1	"(d) Breach of Agreements for Obligated
2	Service.—
3	"(1) In GENERAL.—In the case of any program
4	under this section under which an individual makes
5	an agreement to provide health services for a period
6	of time in accordance with such program in consid-
7	eration of receiving an award of Federal funds re-
8	garding education as a nurse (including an award
9	for the repayment of loans), the following applies if
10	the agreement provides that this subsection is appli-
11	cable:
12	"(A) In the case of a program under this
13	section that makes an award of Federal funds
14	for attending an accredited program of nursing
15	(in this subsection referred to as a 'nursing pro-
16	gram'), the individual is liable to the Federal
17	Government for the amount of such award (in-
18	cluding amounts provided for expenses related
19	to such attendance), and for interest on such
20	amount at the maximum legal prevailing rate,
21	if the individual—
22	"(i) fails to maintain an acceptable
23	level of academic standing in the nursing

program (as indicated by the program in

1	accordance with requirements established
2	by the Secretary);
3	''(ii) is dismissed from the nursing
4	program for disciplinary reasons; or
5	"(iii) voluntarily terminates the nurs-
6	ing program.
7	"(B) The individual is liable to the Federal
8	Government for the amount of such award (in-
9	cluding amounts provided for expenses related
10	to such attendance), and for interest on such
11	amount at the maximum legal prevailing rate,
12	if the individual fails to provide health services
13	in accordance with the program under this sec-
14	tion for the period of time applicable under the
15	program.
16	"(2) WAIVER OR SUSPENSION OF LIABILITY.
17	In the case of an individual or health facility making
18	an agreement for purposes of paragraph (1), the
19	Secretary shall provide for the waiver or suspension
20	of liability under such paragraph if compliance by
21	the individual or the health facility, as the case may
22	be, with the agreements involved is impossible, or
23	would involve extreme hardship to the individual or

facility, and if enforcement of the agreements with

1	respect to the individual or facility would be uncon-
2	scionable.
3	"(3) Date certain for recovery. Subject
4	to paragraph (2), any amount that the Federal Gov-
5	ernment is entitled to recover under paragraph (1)
6	shall be paid to the United States not later than the
7	expiration of the 3-year period beginning on the date
8	the United States becomes so entitled.
9	"(4) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts recovered under
10	paragraph (1) with respect to a program under this
11	section shall be available for the purposes of such
12	program, and shall remain available for such pur-
13	poses until expended.";
14	(6) by inserting after the title heading the fol-
15	lowing new parts:
16	"PART A—GENERAL PROVISIONS
17	"SEC. 801. DEFINITIONS.
18	"As used in this title:
19	"(1) ELIGIBLE ENTITIES.—The term 'eligible
20	entities' means schools of nursing, nursing centers,
21	State or local governments, and other public or non-
22	profit private entities determined appropriate by the
23	Secretary that submit to the Secretary an applica-

tion in accordance with section 802.

"(2) SCHOOL OF NURSING.—The term 'school of nursing' means a collegiate, associate degree, or diploma school of nursing in a State.

"(3) Collegiate school of nursing' means a department, division, or other administrative unit in a college or university which provides primarily or exclusively a program of education in professional nursing and related subjects leading to the degree of bachelor of arts, bachelor of science, bachelor of nursing, or to an equivalent degree, or to a graduate degree in nursing, and including advanced training related to such program of education provided by such school, but only if such program, or such unit, college or university is accredited.

"(4) Associate degree school of nursing' means a department, division, or other administrative unit in a junior college, community college, college, or university which provides primarily or exclusively a two-year program of education in professional nursing and allied subjects leading to an associate degree in nursing or to an equivalent degree, but only if such program, or such unit, college, or university is accredited.

term 'diploma school of nursing' means a school affiliated with a hospital or university, or an independent school, which provides primarily or exclusively a program of education in professional nursing and allied subjects leading to a diploma or to equivalent indicia that such program has been satisfactorily completed, but only if such program, or such affiliated school or such hospital or university or such independent school is accredited.

"(6) Accredited.—

"(A) In GENERAL. Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the term 'accredited' when applied to any program of nurse education means a program accredited by a recognized body or bodies, or by a State agency, approved for such purpose by the Secretary of Education and when applied to a hospital, school, college, or university (or a unit thereof) means a hospital, school, college, or university (or a unit thereof) which is accredited by a recognized body or bodies, or by a State agency, approved for such purpose by the Secretary of Education. For the purpose of this paragraph, the Secretary of Education shall publish a list of recognized

nized accrediting bodies, and of State agencies,
which the Secretary of Education determines to
be reliable authority as to the quality of education offered.

"(B) New Programs.—A new school of nursing that, by reason of an insufficient period of operation, is not, at the time of the submission of an application for a grant or contract under this title, eligible for accreditation by such a recognized body or bodies or State agency, shall be deemed accredited for purposes of this title if the Secretary of Education finds, after consultation with the appropriate accreditation body or bodies, that there is reasonable assurance that the school will meet the accreditation standards of such body or bodies prior to the beginning of the academic year following the normal graduation date of students of the first entering class in such school.

"(7) Nonprofit. The term 'nonprofit' as applied to any school, agency, organization, or institution means one which is a corporation or association, or is owned and operated by one or more corporations or associations, no part of the net earnings of

- which inures, or may lawfully inure, to the benefit

 of any private shareholder or individual.
- 3 "(8) STATE. The term 'State' means a State,
- 4 the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of
- 5 Columbia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mari-
- 6 ana Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Is-
- 7 lands, or the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

8 "SEC. 802. APPLICATION.

- 9 "(a) In General.—To be eligible to receive a grant
- 10 or contract under this title, an eligible entity shall prepare
- 11 and submit to the Secretary an application that meets the
- 12 requirements of this section, at such time, in such manner,
- 13 and containing such information as the Secretary may re-
- 14 quire.
- 15 "(b) PLAN.—An application submitted under this
- 16 section shall contain the plan of the applicant for carrying
- 17 out a project with amounts received under this title. Such
- 18 plan shall be consistent with relevant Federal, State, or
- 19 regional program plans.
- 20 "(c) Performance Outcome Standards. An ap-
- 21 plication submitted under this section shall contain a spec-
- 22 ification by the applicant entity of performance outcome
- 23 standards that the project to be funded under the grant
- 24 or contract will be measured against. Such standards shall
- 25 address relevant national nursing needs that the project

- 1 will meet. The recipient of a grant or contract under this
- 2 section shall meet the standards set forth in the grant or
- 3 contract application.
- 4 "(d) Linkages.—An application submitted under
- 5 this section shall contain a description of the linkages with
- 6 relevant educational and health care entities, including
- 7 training programs for other health professionals as appro-
- 8 priate, that the project to be funded under the grant or
- 9 contract will establish.
- 10 **"SEC. 803. USE OF FUNDS.**
- 11 "(a) IN GENERAL.—Amounts provided under a grant
- 12 or contract awarded under this title may be used for train-
- 13 ing program development and support, faculty develop-
- 14 ment, model demonstrations, trainee support including
- 15 tuition, books, program fees and reasonable living ex-
- 16 penses during the period of training, technical assistance,
- 17 workforce analysis, and dissemination of information, as
- 18 appropriate to meet recognized nursing objectives, in ac-
- 19 cordance with this title.
- 20 "(b) Maintenance of Effort. With respect to
- 21 activities for which a grant awarded under this title is to
- 22 be expended, the entity shall agree to maintain expendi-
- 23 tures of non-Federal amounts for such activities at a level
- 24 that is not less than the level of such expenditures main-

- 1 tained by the entity for the fiscal year preceding the fiscal
- 2 year for which the entity receives such a grant.
- 3 "SEC. 804. MATCHING REQUIREMENT.
- 4 "The Secretary may require that an entity that ap-
- 5 plies for a grant or contract under this title provide non-
- 6 Federal matching funds, as appropriate, to ensure the in-
- 7 stitutional commitment of the entity to the projects funded
- 8 under the grant. Such non-Federal matching funds may
- 9 be provided directly or through donations from public or
- 10 private entities and may be in cash or in-kind, fairly evalu-
- 11 ated, including plant, equipment, or services.
- 12 "SEC. 805. PREFERENCE.
- 13 "In awarding grants or contracts under this title, the
- 14 Secretary shall give preference to applicants with projects
- 15 that will substantially benefit rural or underserved popu-
- 16 lations.
- 17 "SEC. 806. GENERALLY APPLICABLE PROVISIONS.
- 18 "(a) Awarding of Grants and Contracts.—The
- 19 Secretary shall ensure that grants and contracts under
- 20 this title are awarded on a competitive basis to carry out
- 21 innovative demonstration projects or provide for strategic
- 22 workforce supplementation activities as needed to meet
- 23 national nursing service goals and in accordance with this
- 24 title.

- "(b) Information Requirements.—Recipients of 1 grants and contracts under this title shall meet informa-
- tion requirements as specified by the Secretary.
- 4 "(c) Training Programs con-
- ducted with amounts received under this title shall meet
- applicable accreditation and quality standards. 6
- 7 "(d) DURATION OF ASSISTANCE.—

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- "(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), in the case of an award to an entity of a grant, cooperative agreement, or contract under this title, the period during which payments are made to the entity under the award may not exceed 5 years. The provision of payments under the award shall be subject to annual approval by the Secretary of the payments and subject to the availability of appropriations for the fiscal year involved to make the payments. This paragraph may not be construed as limiting the number of awards under the program involved that may be made to the entity.
 - "(2) LIMITATION.—In the case of an award to an entity of a grant, cooperative agreement, or contract under this title, paragraph (1) shall apply only to the extent not inconsistent with any other provision of this title that relates to the period during which payments may be made under the award.

1	"(e) PEER REVIEW REGARDING CERTAIN PRO-
2	GRAMS. Each application for a grant under this title, ex-
3	cept advanced nurse traineeship grants under section
4	811(e), shall be submitted to a peer review group for an
5	evaluation of the merits of the proposals made in the ap-
6	plication. The Secretary may not approve such an applica-
7	tion unless a peer review group has recommended the ap-
8	plication for approval. Each peer review group under this
9	subsection shall be composed principally of individuals who
10	are not officers or employees of the Federal Government.
11	This subsection shall be carried out by the Secretary act-
12	ing through the Administrator of the Health Resources
13	and Services Administration.
14	"SEC. 807. NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ON NURSE EDU-
15	CATION AND PRACTICE.
16	"(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—There is hereby established
17	a National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and
18	Practice (in this section referred to as the 'Council'), con-
19	sisting of the Secretary or the delegate of the Secretary
20	(who shall be an ex officio member and shall serve as the
21	Chairperson), and 15 members appointed by the Secretary
22	without regard to the Federal civil service laws, of which—
23	"(1) 2 shall be selected from full-time students
24	enrolled in schools of nursing;
25	"(2) 3 shall be selected from the general public:

- 1 "(3) 2 shall be selected from practicing profes-2 sional nurses: and
- 3 "(4) 8 shall be selected from among the leading 4 authorities in the various fields of nursing, higher,
- 5 and secondary education, and from representatives
- 6 of hospitals and other institutions and organizations
- 7 which provide nursing services.
- 8 A majority of the members shall be nurses. The student-
- 9 members of the Council shall be appointed for terms of
- 10 one year and shall be eligible for reappointment to the
- 11 Council.
- 12 "(b) DUTIES.—The Council shall advise the Sec-
- 13 retary in the preparation of general regulations and with
- 14 respect to policy matters arising in the administration of
- 15 this title, including the range of issues relating to nurse
- 16 supply, education and practice improvement.
- 17 "(c) Funding. Amounts appropriated under this
- 18 title may be utilized by the Secretary to support the nurse
- 19 education and practice activities of the Council.
- 20 "SEC. 808. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.
- 21 "Funds appropriated under this title may be used by
- 22 the Secretary to provide technical assistance in relation
- 23 to any of the authorities under this title.

"SEC. 809. RECOVERY FOR CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE.

- 2 "(a) In General.—If at any time within 20 years
- 3 (or within such shorter period as the Secretary may pre-
- 4 scribe by regulation for an interim facility) after the com-
- 5 pletion of construction of a facility with respect to which
- 6 funds have been paid under subpart I of part A (as such
- 7 subpart was in effect on September 30, 1985)—
- 8 "(1) the owner of the facility ceases to be a
- 9 public or nonprofit school,
- 10 "(2) the facility ceases to be used for the train-
- ing purposes for which it was constructed, or
- 12 "(3) the facility is used for sectarian instruction
- or as a place for religious worship,
- 14 the United States shall be entitled to recover from the
- 15 owner of the facility the base amount prescribed by sub-
- 16 section (c)(1) plus the interest (if any) prescribed by sub-
- 17 section (c)(2).
- 18 "(b) Notice of Change in Status.—The owner of
- 19 a facility which ceases to be a public or nonprofit school
- 20 as described in paragraph (1) of subsection (a), or the
- 21 owner of a facility the use of which changes as described
- 22 in paragraph (2) or (3) of such subsection shall provide
- 23 the Secretary written notice of such cessation or change
- 24 of use within 10 days after the date on which such ces-
- 25 sation or change of use occurs or within 30 days after

1	the date of enactment of the Health Professions Training
2	Assistance Act of 1985, whichever is later.
3	"(c) Amount of Recovery.—
4	"(1) Base amount. The base amount that
5	the United States is entitled to recover under sub-
6	section (a) is the amount bearing the same ratio to
7	the then value (as determined by the agreement of
8	the parties or in an action brought in the district
9	court of the United States for the district in which
10	the facility is situated) of the facility as the amount
11	of the Federal participation bore to the cost of the
12	construction.
13	"(2) Interest.—
14	"(A) IN GENERAL. The interest that the
15	United States is entitled to recover under sub-
16	section (a) is the interest for the period (if any)
17	described in subparagraph (B) at a rate (deter-
18	mined by the Secretary) based on the average
19	of the bond equivalent rates of 91-day Treasury
20	bills auctioned during such period.
21	"(B) TIME PERIOD.—The period referred
22	to in subparagraph (A) is the period begin-
23	ning—
24	"(i) if notice is provided as prescribed
25	by subsection (b), 191 days after the date

1	on which the owner of the facility ceases to
2	be a public or nonprofit school as described
3	in paragraph (1) of subsection (a), or 191
4	days after the date on which the use of the
5	facility changes as described in paragraph
6	(2) or (3) of such subsection, or
7	"(ii) if notice is not provided as pre-
8	scribed by subsection (b), 11 days after the
9	date on which such cessation or change of
10	use occurs,
11	and ending on the date the amount the United
12	States is entitled to recover if collected.
13	"(d) Waiver of Rights.—The Secretary may waive
14	the recovery rights of the United States under subsection
15	(a)(2) with respect to a facility (under such conditions as
16	the Secretary may establish by regulation) if the Secretary
17	determines that there is good cause for waiving such
18	rights.
19	"(e) LIMITATION ON LIENS.—The right of recovery
20	of the United States under subsection (a) shall not, prior
21	to judgment, constitute a lien on any facility.

- 1 "PART B-NURSE PRACTITIONERS, NURSE MID-
- 2 WIVES, AND OTHER ADVANCED PRACTICE
- 3 NURSES
- 4 "SEC. 811. ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING GRANTS.
- 5 "(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may award grants
- 6 to and enter into contracts with eligible entities to meet
- 7 the costs of—
- 8 "(1) projects that support the enhancement of
- 9 advanced practice nursing education; and
- 10 "(2) traineeships for individuals in advanced
- 11 practice nursing programs.
- 12 "(b) DEFINITION OF ADVANCED PRACTICE
- 13 Nurses.—For purposes of this section, the term 'ad-
- 14 vanced practice nurses' means individuals trained in ad-
- 15 vanced degree programs, post-nursing master's certificate
- 16 programs, or, in the case of nurse midwives or nurse anes-
- 17 thetists, in certificate programs that received funding
- 18 under this title on the date that is one day prior to the
- 19 date of enactment of this section, to serve as nurse practi-
- 20 tioners, nurse midwives, nurse anesthetists, nurse edu-
- 21 cators, or public health nurses, or in other nurse special-
- 22 ties determined by the secretary to require advanced edu-
- 23 cation.
- 24 ''(c) Authorized Nurse Practitioner and
- 25 Nurse-Midwifery Programs.—

1 "(1) In GENERAL. Nurse practitioner and
2 nurse midwifery programs eligible for support under
3 this section are educational programs for registered
4 nurses (irrespective of the type of school of nursing
5 in which the nurses received their training) that—
6 "(A) meet guidelines prescribed by the
7 Secretary in accordance with paragraph (2)
8 and
9 "(B) have as their objective the education
of nurses who will upon completion of their
studies in such programs, be qualified to effect
12 tively provide primary health care, including
primary health care in homes and in ambula
14 tory care facilities, long-term care facilities and
other health care institutions.
16 "(2) GUIDELINES.—After consultation with ap
17 propriate educational organizations and professiona
18 nursing and medical organizations, the Secretary
shall prescribe guidelines for programs described in
20 paragraph (1). Such guidelines shall, as a minimum
21 require that such a program—
22 "(A) extend for at least one academic year
23 and consist of—

1	''(i) supervised clinical practice di-
2	rected toward preparing nurses to deliver
3	primary health care; and
4	"(ii) at least four months (in the ag-
5	gregate) of classroom instruction that is so
6	directed; and
7	"(B) have an enrollment of not less than
8	six full-time equivalent students.
9	"(d) Other Authorized Educational Pro-
10	GRAMS. The Secretary shall prescribe guidelines as ap-
11	propriate for other advanced practice nurse education pro-
12	grams eligible for support under this section.
13	"(e) Traineeships.—
14	"(1) In GENERAL. The Secretary may not
15	award a grant to an applicant under subsection (a)
16	unless the applicant involved agrees that
17	traineeships provided with the grant will pay all or
18	part of the costs of—
19	"(A) the tuition, books, and fees of the
20	program of advanced nursing practice with re-
21	spect to which the traineeship is provided; and
22	"(B) the reasonable living expenses of the
23	individual during the period for which the
24	traineeship is provided.

1	"(2) Doctoral programs. The Secretary
2	may not obligate more than 10 percent of the
3	traineeships under subsection (a) for individuals in
4	doctorate degree programs.
5	"(3) Special consideration. In making
6	awards of grants and contracts under subsection
7	(a)(2), the Secretary shall give special consideration
8	to an eligible entity that agrees to expend the award
9	to train advanced practice nurses who will practice
10	in health professional shortage areas designated
11	under section 332.
12	"(f) Authorization of Appropriations.—
13	"(1) In GENERAL. There are authorized to be
14	appropriated to carry out this section, \$50,000,000
15	for fiscal year 1995, and such sums as may be nec-
16	essary for each of the fiscal years 1996 and 1997.
17	"(2) Set asides.—Of the amount appropriated
18	under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year—
19	"(A) not less than 60 percent of such
20	amount shall be made available for projects to
21	enhance the training and practice of nurse
22	practitioners and nurse midwives; and
23	"(B) not less than 6 percent of such
24	amounts shall be made available for projects to

1	enhance the training and practice of nurse an-
2	esthetists.
3	"PART C—INCREASING NURSING WORKFORCE
4	DIVERSITY
5	"SEC. 821. WORKFORCE DIVERSITY GRANTS.
6	"(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may award grants
7	to and enter into contracts with eligible entities to meet
8	the costs of special projects to increase nursing education
9	opportunities for individuals who are from disadvantaged
10	racial and ethnic backgrounds underrepresented among
11	registered nurses by providing student scholarships or sti-
12	pends, pre-entry preparation, and retention activities.
13	"(b) GUIDANCE.—In carrying out subsection (a), the
14	Secretary shall take into consideration the recommenda-
15	tions of the First and Second Invitational Congresses for
16	Minority Nurse Leaders on 'Caring for the Emerging Ma-
17	jority,' in 1992 and 1993, and consult with nursing asso-
18	ciations including the American Nurses Association, the
19	National League of Nursing, the Association of American
20	Colleges of Nursing, and the Black Nurses Association.
21	"(c) Required Information and Conditions for
22	Award Recipients.—
23	"(1) IN GENERAL. Recipients of awards under
24	this section may be required, where requested, to re-
25	port to the Secretary concerning the annual admis-

- 1 sion, retention, and graduation rates for ethnic and 2 racial minorities in the school or schools involved in 3 the projects.
- 4 "(2) FALLING RATES.—If any of the rates re-5 ported under paragraph (1) fall below the average of 6 the two previous years, the grant or contract recipient shall provide the Secretary with plans for imme-7 diately improving such rates. 8
- "(3) INELIGIBILITY.—A recipient described in 9 paragraph (2) shall be ineligible for continued fund-10 11 ing under this section if the plan of the recipient 12 fails to improve the rates within the 1-year period beginning on the date such plan is implemented. 13
- "(d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section, \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 1995, and such sums as may

be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1996 and 1997.

- 18 "PART D—STRENGTHENING CAPACITY FOR
- 19 BASIC NURSE EDUCATION AND PRACTICE
- "SEC. 831. BASIC NURSE EDUCATION AND PRACTICE
- 21 GRANTS.
- 22 "(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may award grants
- to and enter into contracts with eligible entities for
- projects to strengthen capacity for basic nurse education
- 25 and practice.

1	"(b) PRIORITY AREAS. In awarding grants or con-
2	tracts under this section the Secretary shall give priority
3	to entities that will use amounts provided under such a
4	grant or contract to enhance the education mix and utili-
5	zation of the basic nursing workforce by strengthening
6	programs that provide basic nurse education for purposes
7	of
8	"(1) improving nursing services in schools and
9	other community settings;
10	"(2) providing care for underserved populations
11	and other high-risk groups such as the elderly, indi-
12	viduals with HIV-AIDS, substance abusers, home-
13	less, and battered women;
14	"(3) providing case management, quality im-
15	provement, delegation and supervision, other skills
16	needed under new health care systems;
17	"(4) developing cultural competencies among
18	nurses;
19	"(5) providing emergency health services;
20	"(6) promoting career mobility for nursing per-
21	sonnel in a variety of training settings cross training
22	or specialty training, and among diverse population
23	groups; or
24	"(7) other priority areas as determined by the
25	Secretary.

- 1 "(c) Authorization of Appropriations.—There
- 2 are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
- 3 \$12,000,000 for fiscal year 1995, and such sums as may
- 4 be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1996 and 1997.";
- 5 and
- 6 (7) by redesignating section 855 as section 808,
- 7 and transferring such section so as to appear after
- 8 section 807 (as added by the amendment made by
- 9 paragraph (7)).
- 10 SEC. 4. SAVINGS PROVISION AND TECHNICAL AMEND-
- 11 **MENTS.**
- 12 (a) SAVINGS PROVISION.—In the case of any author-
- 13 ity for making awards of grants or contracts that is termi-
- 14 nated by the amendment made by section 3, the Secretary
- 15 of Health and Human Services may, notwithstanding the
- 16 termination of the authority, continue in effect any grant
- 17 or contract made under the authority that is in effect on
- 18 the day before the date of the enactment of this Act, sub-
- 19 ject to the duration of any such grant or contract not ex-
- 20 ceeding the period determined by the Secretary in first
- 21 approving such financial assistance, or in approving the
- 22 most recent request made (before the date of such enact-
- 23 ment) for continuation of such assistance, as the case may
- 24 be.

1 (b) CLINICAL RESEARCHERS.—Paragraph (3) of section 487E(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 288–5(a)(3)) is amended to read as follows: 4 "(3) APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS 5 REGARDING OBLIGATED SERVICE. With respect to the National Health Service Corps loan repayment 6 7 program established in subpart III of part D of title HI, the provisions of such subpart shall, except as 8 9 inconsistent with this section, apply to the program 10 established in subsection (a) in the same manner 11 and to the same extent as such provisions apply to 12 the National Health Service Corps loan repayment programs.". 13 14 (c) Technical Amendments.—Section 839 of such Act (42 U.S.C. 297e) is amended— 16 (1) in subsection (a)— 17 (A) by striking the matter preceding para-18 graph (1) and inserting the following: 19 "(a) If a school terminates a loan fund established under an agreement pursuant to section 835(b), or if the Secretary for good cause terminates the agreement with the school, there shall be a capital distribution as fol-23 lows:"; and

- (B) in paragraph (1), by striking "at the close of September 30, 1999," and inserting

 "on the date of termination of the fund"; and

 (2) in subsection (b), to read as follows:

 "(b) If a capital distribution is made under sub
 section (a), the school involved shall, after such capital dis
 tribution, pay to the Secretary, not less often than quar-
- 8 terly, the same proportionate share of amounts received
- 9 by the school in payment of principal or interest on loans
- 10 made from the loan fund established under section 835(b)
- 11 as determined by the Secretary under subsection (a).".
- 12 SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.
- This Act shall take effect on October 1, 1994, or the
- 14 date of enactment of this Act, whichever is later.
- 15 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**
- 16 This Act may be cited as the "Nursing Education Con-
- 17 solidation and Reauthorization Act of 1994".
- 18 SEC. 2. PURPOSE.
- 19 It is the purpose of this Act to restructure the nurse
- 20 education authorities of title VIII of the Public Health Serv-
- 21 ice Act to permit a comprehensive, flexible, and effective ap-
- 22 proach to Federal support for nursing workforce develop-
- 23 *ment.*

1	SEC. 3. AMENDMENTS TO PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE ACT.
2	Title VIII of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
3	296k et seq.) is amended—
4	(1) by striking the title heading and all that fol-
5	lows except for subparts II and III of part B and sec-
6	tion 855; and inserting the following:
7	"TITLE VIII—NURSING
8	WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT";
9	(2) in subpart II of part B, by striking the sub-
10	part heading and inserting the following:
11	"PART E—STUDENT LOANS
12	"Subpart I—General Program";
13	(3) by redesignating subpart III as subpart II;
14	(4) by striking section 837;
15	(5) in section 846, by striking subsection (d) and
16	inserting the following new subsection:
17	"(d) Breach of Agreements for Obligated Serv-
18	ICE.—
19	"(1) In general.—In the case of any program
20	under this section under which an individual makes
21	an agreement to provide health services for a period
22	of time in accordance with such program in consider-
23	ation of receiving an award of Federal funds regard-
24	ing education as a nurse (including an award for the
25	repayment of loans), the following applies if the
26	agreement provides that this subsection is applicable:

1	"(A) In the case of a program under this
2	section that makes an award of Federal funds for
3	attending an accredited program of nursing (in
4	this subsection referred to as a 'nursing pro-
5	gram'), the individual is liable to the Federal
6	Government for the amount of such award (in-
7	cluding amounts provided for expenses related to
8	such attendance), and for interest on such
9	amount at the maximum legal prevailing rate, if
10	the individual—
11	"(i) fails to maintain an acceptable
12	level of academic standing in the nursing
13	program (as indicated by the program in
14	accordance with requirements established by
15	the Secretary);
16	"(ii) is dismissed from the nursing
17	program for disciplinary reasons; or
18	"(iii) voluntarily terminates the nurs-
19	ing program.
20	"(B) The individual is liable to the Federal
21	Government for the amount of such award (in-
22	cluding amounts provided for expenses related to
23	such attendance), and for interest on such
24	amount at the maximum legal prevailing rate, if
25	the individual fails to provide health services in

- 1 accordance with the program under this section 2 for the period of time applicable under the pro-3 gram.
 - "(2) Waiver or suspension of liability.—In the case of an individual or health facility making an agreement for purposes of paragraph (1), the Secretary shall provide for the waiver or suspension of liability under such paragraph if compliance by the individual or the health facility, as the case may be, with the agreements involved is impossible, or would involve extreme hardship to the individual or facility, and if enforcement of the agreements with respect to the individual or facility would be unconscionable.
 - "(3) Date certain for recovery.—Subject to paragraph (2), any amount that the Federal Government is entitled to recover under paragraph (1) shall be paid to the United States not later than the expiration of the 3-year period beginning on the date the United States becomes so entitled.
 - "(4) AVAILABILITY.—Amounts recovered under paragraph (1) with respect to a program under this section shall be available for the purposes of such program, and shall remain available for such purposes until expended.";

1	(6) by inserting after the title heading the follow-
2	ing new parts:
3	"PART A—GENERAL PROVISIONS
4	"SEC. 801. DEFINITIONS.
5	"As used in this title:
6	"(1) Eligible entities.—The term 'eligible en-
7	tities' means schools of nursing, nursing centers, State
8	or local governments, and other public or nonprofit
9	private entities determined appropriate by the Sec-
10	retary that submit to the Secretary an application in
11	accordance with section 802.
12	"(2) School of nursing.—The term 'school of
13	nursing' means a collegiate, associate degree, or di-
14	ploma school of nursing in a State.
15	"(3) Collegiate school of nursing.—The
16	term 'collegiate school of nursing' means a depart-
17	ment, division, or other administrative unit in a col-
18	lege or university which provides primarily or exclu-
19	sively a program of education in professional nursing
20	and related subjects leading to the degree of bachelor
21	of arts, bachelor of science, bachelor of nursing, or to
22	an equivalent degree, or to a graduate degree in nurs-
23	ing, and including advanced training related to such
24	program of education provided by such school, but

only if such program, or such unit, college or university is accredited.

"(4) Associate degree school of nursing" means a department, division, or other administrative unit in a junior college, community college, college, or university which provides primarily or exclusively a two-year program of education in professional nursing and allied subjects leading to an associate degree in nursing or to an equivalent degree, but only if such program, or such unit, college, or university is accredited.

"(5) DIPLOMA SCHOOL OF NURSING.—The term diploma school of nursing' means a school affiliated with a hospital or university, or an independent school, which provides primarily or exclusively a program of education in professional nursing and allied subjects leading to a diploma or to equivalent indicia that such program has been satisfactorily completed, but only if such program, or such affiliated school or such hospital or university or such independent school is accredited.

"(6) ACCREDITED.—

24 "(A) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in 25 subparagraph (B), the term 'accredited' when

applied to any program of nurse education means a program accredited by a recognized body or bodies, or by a State agency, approved for such purpose by the Secretary of Education and when applied to a hospital, school, college, or university (or a unit thereof) means a hospital, school, college, or university (or a unit thereof) which is accredited by a recognized body or bodies, or by a State agency, approved for such purpose by the Secretary of Education. For the purpose of this paragraph, the Secretary of Education shall publish a list of recognized accrediting bodies, and of State agencies, which the Secretary of Education determines to be reliable authority as to the quality of education offered.

"(B) New programs.—A new school of nursing that, by reason of an insufficient period of operation, is not, at the time of the submission of an application for a grant or contract under this title, eligible for accreditation by such a recognized body or bodies or State agency, shall be deemed accredited for purposes of this title if the Secretary of Education finds, after consultation with the appropriate accreditation body or bodies, that there is reasonable assurance that the

school will meet the accreditation standards of

such body or bodies prior to the beginning of the

academic year following the normal graduation

date of students of the first entering class in such

school.

- "(7) Nonprofit.—The term 'nonprofit' as applied to any school, agency, organization, or institution means one which is a corporation or association, or is owned and operated by one or more corporations or associations, no part of the net earnings of which inures, or may lawfully inure, to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.
- 13 "(8) STATE.—The term 'State' means a State, 14 the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the District of Co-15 lumbia, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana 16 Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Virgin Islands, 17 or the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

18 "SEC. 802. APPLICATION.

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"(a) In General.—To be eligible to receive a grant or contract under this title, an eligible entity shall prepare and submit to the Secretary an application that meets the requirements of this section, at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require.

- 1 "(b) Plan.—An application submitted under this sec-
- 2 tion shall contain the plan of the applicant for carrying
- 3 out a project with amounts received under this title. Such
- 4 plan shall be consistent with relevant Federal, State, or re-
- 5 gional program plans.
- 6 "(c) Performance Outcome Standards.—An ap-
- 7 plication submitted under this section shall contain a speci-
- 8 fication by the applicant entity of performance outcome
- 9 standards that the project to be funded under the grant or
- 10 contract will be measured against. Such standards shall ad-
- 11 dress relevant national nursing needs that the project will
- 12 meet. The recipient of a grant or contract under this section
- 13 shall meet the standards set forth in the grant or contract
- 14 application.
- 15 "(d) Linkages.—An application submitted under this
- 16 section shall contain a description of the linkages with rel-
- 17 evant educational and health care entities, including train-
- 18 ing programs for other health professionals as appropriate,
- 19 that the project to be funded under the grant or contract
- 20 will establish.
- 21 *"SEC. 803. USE OF FUNDS.*
- 22 "(a) In General.—Amounts provided under a grant
- 23 or contract awarded under this title may be used for train-
- 24 ing program development and support, faculty develop-
- 25 ment, model demonstrations, trainee support including tui-

- 1 tion, books, program fees and reasonable living expenses
- 2 during the period of training, technical assistance,
- 3 workforce analysis, and dissemination of information, as
- 4 appropriate to meet recognized nursing objectives, in ac-
- 5 cordance with this title.
- 6 "(b) Maintenance of Effort.—With respect to ac-
- 7 tivities for which a grant awarded under this title is to
- 8 be expended, the entity shall agree to maintain expenditures
- 9 of non-Federal amounts for such activities at a level that
- 10 is not less than the level of such expenditures maintained
- 11 by the entity for the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year
- 12 for which the entity receives such a grant.

13 "SEC. 804. MATCHING REQUIREMENT.

- 14 "The Secretary may require that an entity that ap-
- 15 plies for a grant or contract under this title provide non-
- 16 Federal matching funds, as appropriate, to ensure the insti-
- 17 tutional commitment of the entity to the projects funded
- 18 under the grant. Such non-Federal matching funds may be
- 19 provided directly or through donations from public or pri-
- 20 vate entities and may be in cash or in-kind, fairly evalu-
- 21 ated, including plant, equipment, or services.

22 *"SEC. 805. PREFERENCE.*

- 23 "In awarding grants or contracts under this title, the
- 24 Secretary shall give preference to applicants with projects

- 1 that will substantially benefit rural or underserved popu-
- 2 lations.

3 "SEC. 806. GENERALLY APPLICABLE PROVISIONS.

- 4 "(a) Awarding of Grants and Contracts.—The
- 5 Secretary shall ensure that grants and contracts under this
- 6 title are awarded on a competitive basis to carry out inno-
- 7 vative demonstration projects or provide for strategic
- 8 workforce supplementation activities as needed to meet na-
- 9 tional nursing service goals and in accordance with this
- 10 title.
- 11 "(b) Information Requirements.—Recipients of
- 12 grants and contracts under this title shall meet information
- 13 requirements as specified by the Secretary.
- 14 "(c) Training Programs con-
- 15 ducted with amounts received under this title shall meet ap-
- 16 plicable accreditation and quality standards.
- 17 "(d) Duration of Assistance.—
- 18 "(1) In General.—Subject to paragraph (2), in
- the case of an award to an entity of a grant, coopera-
- 20 tive agreement, or contract under this title, the period
- 21 during which payments are made to the entity under
- 22 the award may not exceed 5 years. The provision of
- 23 payments under the award shall be subject to annual
- 24 approval by the Secretary of the payments and sub-
- 25 ject to the availability of appropriations for the fiscal

- year involved to make the payments. This paragraph
 may not be construed as limiting the number of
- awards under the program involved that may bemade to the entity.
- "(2) Limitation.—In the case of an award to an entity of a grant, cooperative agreement, or contract under this title, paragraph (1) shall apply only to the extent not inconsistent with any other provision of this title that relates to the period during
- 11 "(e) Peer Review Regarding Certain Pro-

which payments may be made under the award.

- 12 GRAMS.—Each application for a grant under this title, ex-
- 13 cept advanced nurse traineeship grants under section
- 14 811(a)(2), shall be submitted to a peer review group for an
- 15 evaluation of the merits of the proposals made in the appli-
- 16 cation. The Secretary may not approve such an application
- 17 unless a peer review group has recommended the applica-
- 18 tion for approval. Each peer review group under this sub-
- 19 section shall be composed principally of individuals who are
- 20 not officers or employees of the Federal Government. This
- 21 subsection shall be carried out by the Secretary acting
- 22 through the Administrator of the Health Resources and
- 23 Services Administration.

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1	"SEC. 807. NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL ON NURSE EDU-
2	CATION AND PRACTICE.
3	"(a) Establishment.—There is hereby established a
4	National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Prac-
5	tice (in this section referred to as the 'Council'), consisting
6	of the Secretary or the delegate of the Secretary (who shall
7	be an ex officio member and shall serve as the Chairperson),
8	and 15 members appointed by the Secretary without regard
9	to the Federal civil service laws, of which—
10	"(1) 2 shall be selected from full-time students
11	enrolled in schools of nursing;
12	"(2) 3 shall be selected from the general public;
13	"(3) 2 shall be selected from practicing profes-
14	sional nurses; and
15	"(4) 8 shall be selected from among the leading
16	authorities in the various fields of nursing, higher,
17	and secondary education, and from representatives of
18	hospitals and other institutions and organizations
19	which provide nursing services.
20	A majority of the members shall be nurses. The student-
21	members of the Council shall be appointed for terms of one
22	year and shall be eligible for reappointment to the Council.
23	"(b) Duties.—The Council shall advise the Secretary
24	in the preparation of general regulations and with respect
25	to policy matters arising in the administration of this title

- 1 including the range of issues relating to nurse supply, edu-
- 2 cation and practice improvement.
- 3 "(c) Funding.—Amounts appropriated under this
- 4 title may be utilized by the Secretary to support the nurse
- 5 education and practice activities of the Council.
- 6 "SEC. 808. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.
- 7 "Funds appropriated under this title may be used by
- 8 the Secretary to provide technical assistance in relation to
- 9 any of the authorities under this title.
- 10 "SEC. 809. RECOVERY FOR CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE.
- 11 "(a) In General.—If at any time within 20 years
- 12 (or within such shorter period as the Secretary may pre-
- 13 scribe by regulation for an interim facility) after the com-
- 14 pletion of construction of a facility with respect to which
- 15 funds have been paid under subpart I of part A (as such
- 16 subpart was in effect on September 30, 1985)—
- 17 "(1) the owner of the facility ceases to be a pub-
- 18 lic or nonprofit school,
- 19 "(2) the facility ceases to be used for the training
- 20 purposes for which it was constructed, or
- 21 "(3) the facility is used for sectarian instruction
- or as a place for religious worship,
- 23 the United States shall be entitled to recover from the owner
- 24 of the facility the base amount prescribed by subsection

1	(c)(1) plus the interest (if any) prescribed by subsection
2	(c)(2).
3	"(b) Notice of Change in Status.—The owner of
4	a facility which ceases to be a public or nonprofit school
5	as described in paragraph (1) of subsection (a), or the
6	owner of a facility the use of which changes as described
7	in paragraph (2) or (3) of such subsection shall provide
8	the Secretary written notice of such cessation or change of
9	use within 10 days after the date on which such cessation
10	or change of use occurs or within 30 days after the date
11	of enactment of the Health Professions Training Assistance
12	Act of 1985, whichever is later.
13	"(c) Amount of Recovery.—
14	"(1) Base amount.—The base amount that the
15	United States is entitled to recover under subsection
16	(a) is the amount bearing the same ratio to the then
17	value (as determined by the agreement of the parties
18	or in an action brought in the district court of the
19	United States for the district in which the facility is
20	situated) of the facility as the amount of the Federal
21	participation bore to the cost of the construction.
22	"(2) Interest.—
23	"(A) In GENERAL.—The interest that the
24	United States is entitled to recover under sub-
25	section (a) is the interest for the period (if any)

1	described in subparagraph (B) at a rate (deter-
2	mined by the Secretary) based on the average of
3	the bond equivalent rates of 91-day Treasury
4	bills auctioned during such period.
5	"(B) Time period.—The period referred to
6	in subparagraph (A) is the period beginning—
7	"(i) if notice is provided as prescribed
8	by subsection (b), 191 days after the date on
9	which the owner of the facility ceases to be
10	a public or nonprofit school as described in
11	paragraph (1) of subsection (a), or 191 days
12	after the date on which the use of the facil-
13	ity changes as described in paragraph (2)
14	or (3) of such subsection, or
15	"(ii) if notice is not provided as pre-
16	scribed by subsection (b), 11 days after the
17	date on which such cessation or change of
18	use occurs,
19	and ending on the date the amount the United
20	States is entitled to recover if collected.
21	"(d) Waiver of Rights.—The Secretary may waive
22	the recovery rights of the United States under subsection
23	(a)(2) with respect to a facility (under such conditions as
24	the Secretary may establish by regulation) if the Secretary
25	determines that there is good cause for waiving such rights.

"(e) Limitation on Liens.—The right of recovery of 1 the United States under subsection (a) shall not, prior to judgment, constitute a lien on any facility. "PART B-NURSE PRACTITIONERS, NURSE MID-WIVES. AND OTHER ADVANCED PRACTICE 5 *NURSES* 6 7 "SEC. 811. ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING GRANTS. "(a) In General.—The Secretary may award grants 8 to and enter into contracts with eligible entities to meet the 10 costs of— "(1) projects that support the enhancement of ad-11 vanced practice nursing education and practice; and 12 "(2) traineeships for individuals in advanced 13 14 practice nursing programs. 15 "(b) Definition of Advanced Practice Nurses.— For purposes of this section, the term 'advanced practice nurses' means nurses trained in advanced degree programs including individuals in combined R.N./Master's degree programs, post-nursing master's certificate programs, or, in

the case of nurse midwives or nurse anesthetists, in certifi-

cate programs that received funding under this title on the

date that is one day prior to the date of enactment of this

section, to serve as nurse practitioners, nurse midwives,

24 nurse anesthetists, nurse educators, or public health nurses,

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1	or in other nurse specialties determined by the secretary to
2	require advanced education.
3	"(c) Authorized Nurse Practitioner and Nurse-
4	Midwifery Programs.—
5	"(1) In General.—Nurse practitioner and nurse
6	midwifery programs eligible for support under this
7	section are educational programs for registered nurses
8	(irrespective of the type of school of nursing in which
9	the nurses received their training) that—
10	"(A) meet guidelines prescribed by the Sec-
11	retary in accordance with paragraph (2); and
12	"(B) have as their objective the education of
13	nurses who will upon completion of their studies
14	in such programs, be qualified to effectively pro-
15	vide primary health care, including primary
16	health care in homes and in ambulatory care fa-
17	cilities, long-term care facilities and other health
18	care institutions.
19	"(2) Guidelines.—After consultation with ap-
20	propriate educational organizations and professional
21	nursing and medical organizations, the Secretary
22	shall prescribe guidelines for programs described in
23	paragraph (1). Such guidelines shall, as a minimum,
24	require that such a program—

1	"(A) extend for at least one academic year
2	and consist of—
3	"(i) supervised clinical practice di-
4	rected toward preparing nurses to deliver
5	primary health care; and
6	"(ii) at least four months (in the ag-
7	gregate) of classroom instruction that is so
8	directed; and
9	"(B) have an enrollment of not less than six
10	full-time equivalent students.
11	"(d) Other Authorized Educational Pro-
12	GRAMS.—The Secretary shall prescribe guidelines as appro-
13	priate for other advanced practice nurse education pro-
14	grams eligible for support under this section.
15	"(e) Traineeships.—
16	"(1) In GENERAL.—The Secretary may not
17	award a grant to an applicant under subsection (a)
18	unless the applicant involved agrees that traineeships
19	provided with the grant will pay all or part of the
20	costs of—
21	"(A) the tuition, books, and fees of the pro-
22	gram of advanced nursing practice with respect
23	to which the traineeship is provided; and

1	"(B) the reasonable living expenses of the
2	individual during the period for which the
3	traineeship is provided.
4	"(2) Doctoral programs.—The Secretary may
5	not obligate more than 10 percent of the traineeships
6	under subsection (a) for individuals in doctorate de-
7	gree programs.
8	"(3) Special consideration.—In making
9	awards of grants and contracts under subsection
10	(a)(2), the Secretary shall give special consideration
11	to an eligible entity that agrees to expend the award
12	to train advanced practice nurses who will practice
13	in health professional shortage areas designated under
14	section 332.
15	"(f) Authorization of Appropriations.—
16	"(1) In GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
17	appropriated to carry out this section, \$50,000,000
18	for fiscal year 1995, and such sums as may be nec-
19	essary for each of the fiscal years 1996 and 1997.
20	"(2) Set asides.—Of the amount appropriated
21	under paragraph (1) for a fiscal year—
22	"(A) not less than 60 percent of such
23	amount shall be made available for projects to
24	enhance the training and practice of nurse prac-
25	titioners and nurse midwives; and

1	"(B) not less than 6 percent of such
2	amounts shall be made available for projects to
3	enhance the training and practice of nurse anes-
4	thetists.
5	"PART C—INCREASING NURSING WORKFORCE
6	DIVERSITY
7	"SEC. 821. WORKFORCE DIVERSITY GRANTS.
8	"(a) In General.—The Secretary may award grants
9	to and enter into contracts with eligible entities to meet the
10	costs of special projects to increase nursing education op-
11	portunities for individuals who are from disadvantaged ra-
12	cial and ethnic backgrounds underrepresented among reg-
13	istered nurses by providing student scholarships or stipends,
14	pre-entry preparation, and retention activities.
15	"(b) GUIDANCE.—In carrying out subsection (a), the
16	Secretary shall take into consideration the recommenda-
17	tions of the First and Second Invitational Congresses for
18	Minority Nurse Leaders on 'Caring for the Emerging Ma-
19	jority,' in 1992 and 1993, and consult with nursing asso-
20	ciations including the American Nurses Association, the
21	National League for Nursing, the American Association of
22	Colleges of Nursing, the Black Nurses Association, the Asso-
23	ciation of Hispanic Nurses, the Association of Asian Amer-
24	ican and Pacific Islander Nurses, the National Nurses Asso-

ciation, the Native American Indian and Alaskan Nurses Association. 3 "(c) Required Information and Conditions for AWARD RECIPIENTS.— "(1) In GENERAL.—Recipients of awards under 5 this section may be required, where requested, to re-6 7 port to the Secretary concerning the annual admission, retention, and graduation rates for ethnic and 8 racial minorities in the school or schools involved in 9 10 the projects. "(2) FALLING RATES.—If any of the rates re-11 ported under paragraph (1) fall below the average of 12 the two previous years, the grant or contract recipient 13 shall provide the Secretary with plans for imme-14 15 diately improving such rates. "(3) Ineligibility.—A recipient described in 16 17 paragraph (2) shall be ineligible for continued fund-18 ing under this section if the plan of the recipient fails 19 to improve the rates within the 1-year period begin-20 ning on the date such plan is implemented. 21 "(d) Authorization of Appropriations.—There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section, \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 1995, and such sums as may be

necessary for each of the fiscal years 1996 and 1997.

1	"PART D—STRENGTHENING CAPACITY FOR
2	BASIC NURSE EDUCATION AND PRACTICE
3	"SEC. 831. BASIC NURSE EDUCATION AND PRACTICE
4	GRANTS.
5	"(a) In General.—The Secretary may award grants
6	to and enter into contracts with eligible entities for projects
7	to strengthen capacity for basic nurse education and prac-
8	tice.
9	"(b) Priority Areas.—In awarding grants or con-
10	tracts under this section the Secretary shall give priority
11	to entities that will use amounts provided under such a
12	grant or contract to enhance the education mix and utiliza-
13	tion of the basic nursing workforce by strengthening pro-
14	grams that provide basic nurse education for purposes of—
15	"(1) improving nursing services in schools and
16	other community settings;
17	"(2) providing care for underserved populations
18	and other high-risk groups such as the elderly, indi-
19	viduals with HIV-AIDS, substance abusers, homeless,
20	and battered women;
21	"(3) providing case management, quality im-
22	provement, delegation and supervision, other skills
23	needed under new health care systems;
24	"(4) developing cultural competencies among
25	nurses:

1	"(5) providing emergency health services;
2	"(6) promoting career mobility for nursing per-
3	sonnel in a variety of training settings and cross
4	training or specialty training among diverse popu-
5	lation groups; or
6	"(7) other priority areas as determined by the
7	Secretary.
8	"(c) Authorization of Appropriations.—There are
9	authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section,
10	\$12,000,000 for fiscal year 1995, and such sums as may
11	be necessary for each of the fiscal years 1996 and 1997.";
12	and
13	(7) by redesignating section 855 as section 810,
14	and transferring such section so as to appear after
15	section 809 (as added by the amendment made by
16	paragraph (6)).
17	SEC. 4. SAVINGS PROVISION AND TECHNICAL AMEND-
18	MENTS.
19	(a) Savings Provision.—In the case of any authority
20	for making awards of grants or contracts that is terminated
21	by the amendment made by section 3, the Secretary of
22	Health and Human Services may, notwithstanding the ter-
23	mination of the authority, continue in effect any grant or
24	contract made under the authority that is in effect on the
25	day before the date of the enactment of this Act, subject to

- 1 the duration of any such grant or contract not exceeding
- 2 the period determined by the Secretary in first approving
- 3 such financial assistance, or in approving the most recent
- 4 request made (before the date of such enactment) for con-
- 5 tinuation of such assistance, as the case may be.
- 6 (b) CLINICAL RESEARCHERS.—Paragraph (3) of sec-
- 7 tion 487E(a) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C.
- 8 288-5(a)(3)) is amended to read as follows:
- 9 "(3) APPLICABILITY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS RE-
- 10 GARDING OBLIGATED SERVICE.—With respect to the
- 11 National Health Service Corps loan repayment pro-
- gram established in subpart III of part D of title III,
- the provisions of such subpart shall, except as incon-
- sistent with this section, apply to the program estab-
- lished in subsection (a) in the same manner and to
- the same extent as such provisions apply to the Na-
- 17 tional Health Service Corps loan repayment pro-
- 18 grams.".
- 19 (c) Technical Amendments.—Section 839 of such
- 20 Act (42 U.S.C. 297e) is amended—
- 21 (1) in subsection (a)—
- 22 (A) by striking the matter preceding para-
- 23 graph (1) and inserting the following:
- 24 "(a) If a school terminates a loan fund established
- 25 under an agreement pursuant to section 835(b), or if the

- 1 Secretary for good cause terminates the agreement with the
- 2 school, there shall be a capital distribution as follows:"; and
- 3 (B) in paragraph (1), by striking "at the
- 4 close of September 30, 1999," and inserting "on
- 5 the date of termination of the fund"; and
- 6 (2) in subsection (b), to read as follows:
- 7 "(b) If a capital distribution is made under subsection
- 8 (a), the school involved shall, after such capital distribution,
- 9 pay to the Secretary, not less often than quarterly, the same
- 10 proportionate share of amounts received by the school in
- 11 payment of principal or interest on loans made from the
- 12 loan fund established under section 835(b) as determined
- 13 by the Secretary under subsection (a).".
- 14 SEC. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.
- 15 This Act shall take effect on October 1, 1994, or the
- 16 date of enactment of this Act, whichever is later.
 - S 2433 RS——2
 - S 2433 RS——3
 - S 2433 RS——4